

~~Rafin~~ | RUFIN

Rafin

Benjamin

John

Robert

William

Benjamin

Beng. Ruffin - gent skuff
1748 - 139, G.B. 1746-52

Soth N.B. -

480. Beng Ruffin of Soth for L & g. w. to pd. Corn Butter
of Demwiddie 1780

John

John Ruffin of Seewy + wife Martha
sell land formerly in poss of
Tim + Robt Penn 1746 - N.B. 7-412

gas. masons acct ed orphans of
John Walthers - Cooper - +
Mrs. Eliza Brewster their mat.
mother - 11-30-1661

Seewy Bk 1 - 181

Ruffin.

Seewy D# 2

81(2) Eliza Brewster mother of John Walthers 1675 -
(Ruffin).

John

Martha, wife of John Ruffin -
left a legacy of am Taylor.
1735-

1730.38 - 599

Robert

Preice

John P. - wife Martha
nephew Thomas Wight
nephew Robert Reffin

1717/18

11-28-1726

97 w. w. 183-13.

Robt Reffin - 37-

1718

1715-30-136

309. S. G. B 167-90

M. Robt Reffin sworn as justice
of P. for to C. Took oath of all.

1680 7-1680

won G)des & Robt Reffin hath 4 years longer
granted them from date of put to read 2,050 and
of w upon branches of B.W. - 1671
J.C & G. d - 270.

Survey N#2.

110. John Price Co of Survey - had Satisfaction to Robt Reffin.
3000 - by me by Geo Walker's deed - in Survey cl
Sgd John & Mary Price. Wit Edmund Preine, Timothy Walker.
3-28-1676.

Sewoy

D. B. #2.

3.

John moving adm est. of George Pawder -

Sec Wm Barrow & Robt Ruffin 7-19-1679.

203

261

D. B. 6

203

D of W

2-28-1742 Lt Robt Hodges + Robt Ruffin of Co of Sewoy

205 - 700 - on so side m. Black w. King the land
purchased of Jonathan Joyner - 5-20-1742
to wit - 2-28-1742 - (wife did not ack)

O. B. 1713-18. Cured to 29,
#2 S.

123- Wm Chambers - 1-11- Lt
wife + 2 child - except a calf to
Chas Jarrett.

Depts - of Geo. Rose - Margaret Boyer
5-1-1677

1710-1730-137 - Wm Chambers - son
John - son Wm - dau Martha, - my
4 daus - Eliza, Mary, Olive, + Martha
wife Olive.

P 7-16-1718.

Provided by depts of Robt Ruffin + Wm Edwards.

S. G. B 167-90

348 Rich Wash being of full age - this day
ap m et + signing + s. + did a conveyance
of land to Mr Robt Cuffman adm et of
Mr. John Young died in behalf of ed
Young sup^m - admitted to record.
Then 6th - 1681

356 Then - 11 - 1681

Eliza Washington of This Co. being
dead + more relation ap + the et
being informed that she hath a mare +
yearling in Sawner ck Par. It is
ord. that Mr. Robt Cuffield make care of
them for the use of the Co + give an acc^t
thereof to m et.

2. 99. Survey.

Robt Ruffin of Co F Survey to The
Giles & Hance my plat. that my late
decd father Wm Ruffin of 17 W lived on
to make was pd. except some of
had made was by decd father to Kath Thornton
his unpaid mnd. 1-21-1675 Signed E/g. Ruffin.
Wm G/d's Edm. Prime
Capt Wm G/d's son tally per Capt. Wm. G/d's

wt to Psga.

Edm. Perrie. Timothy Walker.

William

S. 1694 - 1709

469.

Any claim the sd Robt + Will Ruffin or agent
of their sister Olive Chamber - 1708

1804 - 15

S. 481.

(Wm Ruffins) St Henry the Testators prop.
of Wm Edwards died in it of his wife - 1802

552 - 561 - 560.

1-107. Wm Ruffin p of ally
to some Robt - to defend me at it
of & to implied Nic^o Boon in an
act of debt -

2-8-1667

wd Hugh Mathews

1-3565

A put for 758 a ghd
 um Ruffin 1766 - at ye
 Cypress rule of 239 a tel. A

Andrew Bennett dated 3-4-1666.

I Robt Ruffin of Surrey app. here
 + adm of um Ruffin 1766. The
 Giles of 1766 - all my int in
 above plat - per only 200 a made
 over by my father to Kath Thornton

and Timothy Walker
 um a decess. 6-9-1677.

Elyan Ruff P of atty to
 Capt Robt Spencer
 Same ind.

1-198.

I am Ruffin - whereas Berkeley
 did grant unto me am Ruffin
 + Robt Coleman a plot of 900 a
 in 2 of w - upon the Indian town
 land, western Bn - am Boddy
 + John Gardener for val wood
 already recd. The Pope 450 a.
 4-7-1668.
 Wm Trestram Knowles WP
 Will Bradshaw.

1-217. am Ruffin to Kath
 Thornton 200 a - in Pocumet Bn -
 by ye sw that sd Kath Thornton now
~~deceased~~ house stands by - in case
 of her death to her 2 child -
 Arthur Whithead + Rebecca
 Thornton & their male heirs
 lawfully begotten forever
 6-9-1670. WP
 Chas Rowse, Robt King.

Ruffin - Wm = d. 1697 - 1st of W.
Rott d. 1693 of Survey & 1 of W = Elizabeth
Watkins

Rott d. 1720 of Survey
Edmund 1713-90 of Shampton & Pounce Geo = Wm
(Simmons) Edmund.

Edmund 1745-1807 of P. Geo = Lt + Sheriff =
Jane Shegwith - (the Sir Wm = Elizabeth dau of John
Smith - Sheriff of Middlesex Co. Va; Sir Wm = Sarah
dau of John Peyton of Gloucester Co. Va; Sir Grey
3d Baronet of Preswold, Va.

Geo - 1765-1810 = Jane Sugar.
A. Com of Gen H 2 - 143.

9-7-1649 - Edw Chetwaine

To Jas. House & Tho. Alwell
1 year of their time - to Jas. House
that else of mine at Mr. Aldred
weaving up to Xopher Holmes -
gen. L. John Young, gloves & a
mercering ribbon in Rott Watson
Henry Pitt, John English
Rich. Aldred. Mrs Anne Jones and all
her child. - to my brother all my land
inements - hereditaments - with house
that he hath supplied me, not -
withstanding he hath sent me for a
sacrifice. Ex. Mr. Rott Watson
& Henry Pitt

Proth & Sacrement

Tho. Brook & Guilmees Ruffin
9-27-1649.

1-43. Jna Mousieum Govt capt Gen.
to Wm Oldis - 3/8 a m l y
W - W 5 - of the Cypress - at
head of a 100 a of land of yed oldis
for Wm 7 - person.
10 - 30 - 1662

Wm + Jane Oldis assign to Wm
Blith 5 - 1 - 1665 - assigned to
Mr Rich Sharpe for use of Wm Blith
heirs -

1-144. Valentine Oldis - citizen
+ apothecary of London. P^o of atty
to trusty + loving father Wm Oldis
of Jas. R. in Va. - to collect all
debts due to me, as ex of
Jas. Banks decd.

Wm Rich. Bullen
Henry Cough; Edw. Woodruch
John Chambers.
5 - 21 - 1667

1-384. J, Eliza Ruffin wife of Robt
Ruffin P^o of atty to Mr. Edmund Palmer
to release land sold by husband in '24.
John Clarke, John White
8 - 9 - 1678.

1-358. Signed and dated 6-8-1677.

1-163

Mr. Skynner

My only father's mate you will understand of the accident that hath happened to him by wh he is disabled to come to d, & may bill hath an acct depending agt him wh. debt is mine & this day meeting with May' bill telling him of my father's mischance, sayth it will be as well if you please to doe him or me that service, to calculate the charge & Confess a judgement for the whole in my behalfe, I would have come to Court myselfe but a very urgent occasion is my hindrance, that I cannott not take att present, but rest yr very humble Servt
Robert Ruffin

2-8-1665

Lesen und Schreiben

10/11/18

Sonntag 21. u. 16. 93

D. 1693

1714

Done

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2
11

1500

Ref: 1720

18m
702
Beng
matha
2/3

2m 1726 38m Prime cable

Perfor + Tho. longiste

Ths. White with wife. Philae
ms 213a. Ref. Sitten - m - 10

lesm Reefin =

Robert = Eliga

D. 1693

1714

Eliga =

Jane Glise = lesm
chambers

Eliga

lesm =

matha Eliga
Bent

9m 1724 38m Prime call Rest
Reefin + Tho. longtale egg
Tho. white with wife Phelice calls
Mrs Eliga Reefin. Siden - m - law.

3712 Morrison Street,
Washington, D.C.
July 14, 1940.

Mrs. Lewis L. Chapman,
Carcassone,
Smithfield, Virginia.

Dear Mrs. Chapman:

I have your postcard of July 6 asking if I have proof from the North Carolina records that Robert Ruffin of Northampton was the son of William Ruffin of Surry and saying that there not one bit of information in the Surry records after he married the Newsum widow. I note that you want the information for a client who is a descendant of the daughter of Robert's who married a Barrow.

I have not done much on my genealogical lines of late and what I have done has been mostly on the Graham family. However, I have dug out what I had as to the Ruffin line and I am enclosing herewith extra copies of most of this. You may care to have it in this form for your files or other use even though much of it is not new to you as it came from you.

To answer your question categorically will say that I have no definite record showing that Robert⁴Ruffin who died in Northampton County, N.C. in 1767 was the son of William³Ruffin who was born in Surry County, Virginia, but I have not the slightest doubt as to this being the fact. Incidentally, this William³Ruffin himself died in Bertie County, N.C. in 1739 in the section which in 1741 became Northampton County. I have not found his will but his inventory was officially recorded by his executors William Ruffin and Robert Ruffin, who must have been his sons and of age. All the Ruffins in America stem from William¹Ruffin who died in Surry County, Va. (apparently in 1673 as his son Robert requested administration on Jan. 9, 1674); in fact it appears or has been assumed that his name was originally William Ruthven and that he latinized this to "Gulielmus Ruffin" (as shown by his name as witness to will of Edward Chetwyne in 1649) and that the "Gulielmus" soon reverted to "William" but the "Ruffin" stuck. His son Robert²Ruffin (born about 1646 as he had a power of attorney from his father in 1667, probably on attaining manhood), was "sole heir". He married Mrs. Elizabeth (Prime) Watkins in the Fall of 1674 and had two sons: Robert³Ruffin born 1681 (in a 1718 deposition said he was 37), and William³Ruffin (probably born 1683 although he may have been born 1679), also two and possibly three daughters. Robert³Ruffin had no son named William. William³Ruffin had a son William⁴Ruffin (first noted in 1719 will of his grandfather William Gray). From the above it follows that the William Ruffin who died in Northampton County, N.C., with sons named William and Robert, must have been William³Ruffin as he could have been no one else. The Robert Ruffin who was one of his executors must have been his son Robert⁴Ruffin who died in the same locality in 1767, and who had a son William⁵Ruffin.

William³Ruffin married Faith Gray (who was living at time of her father William Gray's will in 1719). William³Ruffin may have married 2nd Mrs. John Newsum in 1725. I think it more likely that it was his son William⁴Ruffin who married Mrs. John Newsum. Possibly this could be cleared up if data were found as to her age. You have probably looked into this, in fact you may have written me about it but I have not thought of the Ruffin line for a long time and am not sure if I have ~~written~~ found all the papers pertaining thereto that I may have.

Hoping that the attached data may be found of some use I remain

Yours sincerely,

W.A. Graham Clark
W.A. Graham Clark.

My line

RUFFIN

William¹Ruffin(d.1673), of Isle of Wight Co, Va., m.ca.1745?
Robert²Ruffin(ca.1746-1693), of Surry Co, Va., m.1674, Mrs.Elizabeth(Prime)Watkins(d.1714).
William³Ruffin(ca.1683-1739), of Bertie Co, N.C., m.ca.1703?, Faith Gray.
Robert⁴Ruffin(ca.1710-1767), of Northampton Co, N.C., m.ca.1733, Anne Bennett(d.after 1767).
William⁴Ruffin(1735-1781), of Bertie Co, N.C., m.1762, Sarah Hill(1743-after 1811).
Hannah⁶Ruffin(1768-1848), m.1786, Marmaduke Norfleet(1766-1818), of Halifax County, N.C.
Louis⁷Norfleet(1789-1828), m.1806, David Clark(1772-1829) of Halifax County, N.C.
David⁸Clark(1820-1882), of Halifax County, N.C., m.1845, Anna Maria Thorne(1824-1899).
Walter⁹Clark(1846-1924), of Wake County, N.C., m.1874, Susan Washington Graham(1851-1909).
W.A.Graham⁹Clark(b.1879), of Washington, D.C., m.1911, Pearl Chadwick Heck(1889-1939).
Graham Montrose⁹Clark(b.1922; entered U.S.Naval Academy June, 1940).

WILL OF ETHELRED RUFFIN OF NORTHAMPTON CO., N.C., 1773 - Folder in D.A.R. Library

Will of ETHELRED RUFFIN, of Northampton Co., N.C., dated March 30, 1773, (recorded in full in D.A.R. Library folder) shows- Wife Martha Ruffin, daughter Nancy Ruffin, "natural son" John Ruffin, alias Oquin, son Batholing Ruffin, son Ethelred Ruffin. Executors: Samuel Ruffin, brother, Ethelred Ruffin, nephew, and John Ruffin alias Oquin. Witnesses: John Peale, James Maddrey, Mary Peale. Probated June Court, 1777.
Northampton Co. (N.C.) Records, Book 1, p. 13.

Edgecombe County (N.C.) Records-

Deed Book B, p. 5: "In the year of Our Lord 1769 between Ethelred Ruffin of Northampton County, North Carolina, of the one part to his son Frederick Ruffin of Edgecombe County, granted certain lands for love and affection." (Signed) Ethelred Ruffin (Seal). Signed and sealed in the presence of Ethelred Ruffin, Jr. In February Court, 1769.

Deed Book D, p. 426: "I, Ethelred Ruffin and wife Martha and Frederick Ruffin and wife Mary sold lands to Samuel Doughtry, in 1771-Sept. 19".

Ethelred Ruffin (Seal)
 Martha Ruffin (Seal)
 Frederick Ruffin (Seal)
 Mary Ruffin (Seal)

~~Delivered~~ in the presence of
 Richard Seale and Wm. Deloach. Sept. 19, 1771.
 In February Court, 1772.

(Note- On the D.A.R. copy is penciled- "Frederick Ruffin died 1778 and left issue, by his wife Mary, - Samuel, William, and Ethelred. (From documents returned. S.P.H.)"
 (Note by W.A.G.C.- Jesse Deloach m. Penelope Ruffin, 1768, Edgecombe Co., N.C. His is shown in "N.C. & S.C. Marriage Records, by W.M. Clemens, 1927)."

State of North Carolina
Edgecombe County

At a County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions held for the County Aforesaid at the Court House in Tarborough on the fourth Monday in February & 26th Day Anno Dom. 1816 and in the XXXIV year of our Independence..... Friday morning the Court met according to adjournment.... William Wilkins Junr is appointed Guardⁿ to Frederick, Gray, Wright, Benjamin, and Rally Ruffin, orphans of Samuel Ruffin decd. He entered into Bonds of \$100 each with James Wilkins & Lovett Killebrew(?) his securities.

From Edgecombe County Records
 County Court Minutes 1807-1811.

The above is an accurate extract from record in the North Carolina Historical Commission. A.R. Newsome, Secretary. Raleigh, N.C. Sept. 2, 1931.

RICHMOND, Virginia, CRITIC, OCTOBER 19, 1889.

THE RUFFIN FAMILY

(Written for The Critic. Genealogical Letter 46. Ruffin- Complete)

The first of this family of whom there is record in Virginia was William¹ Ruffin, who was living in the Isle of Wight county in 1666, and left two sons: 1. Robert², of Isle of Wight and afterwards of Surry, in which county he patented land in 1678 (or rather it was patented in his name), born 1669; ^{did 1693;} married a widow, Mrs. Elizabeth Watkins; 2. Edmund², living in 1677.

Robert² and Elizabeth (Watkins) Ruffin had issue: 1. Robert³, of Surry, sheriff of that county, 1714 and 1715; died 1720; married Elizabeth _____; 2. Elizabeth³; 3. William³ married _____.

Issue of William³ and _____ Ruffin: 1. Samuel⁴ born 1716; moved from Virginia to North Carolina, 1752; was sheriff of Edgecombe county before the Revolution; married _____, and had issue: 1. Lamon⁵; 2. Ethelred⁵, of Edgecombe county, N.C., married Mary, daughter of Colonel William Haywood.

Issue of Ethelred and Mary (Haywood) Ruffin: 1. Samuel⁶; 2. Sarah, married Henry Haywood; 3. Henry John Gray, member of North Carolina Senate from Franklin county, 1828, married Mary Tartt; 4. Charity Ann, married first, _____ Ward, second, _____ Henderson; 5. Margaret Elizabeth; 6. James, married _____ Staunton and had Wiley, who died unmarried; 7. William.

Issue of Henry J. G. and Mary (Tartt) Ruffin: 1. Pemintah Watson; 2. Lamon, Confederate States Army, died in service; 3. Ethelred, Confederate States Army, died in service; married Elizabeth Kennedy, and had Mary Lee, married John E. Woodward; 4. Sally Blount; 5. Patrick Henry; 6. Lafayette; 7. Doctor George W., Confederate States Army, died in service; 8. Thomas, member of Congress, 1853-5, and of the Provisional Congress of the Confederate States; entered the Confederate Army, and when colonel of the First North Carolina cavalry was mortally wounded near Bristow Station October 15, 1863; 9. Mary Haywood, married Samuel G. Williams; 10. Samuel, married Ann, daughter of United States Senator William H. Haywood; 11. William H., married Agnes K. Chadwick.

Issue of Robert³ and Elizabeth (_____) Ruffin, of Surry: 1. Colonel John⁴, etc.

THE AMERICAN GENEALOGIST, by Thomas Allen Glenn, Ardmore, Pa. (March 1899-February 1900,
one volume only). (Lib. Cong. CS42, A55)
p. 252.

THE DESCENDANTS OF WM. RUFFIN OF VIRGINIA.

William Ruffin, b. _____, living in Isle of Wight Co, Va., in 1686;
has issue: 1. Robert, living in 1689 in Isle of Wight Co; died 1695; m. Mrs. Elisabeth Watkins;
2. Edmund, living in 1667.

Robert and Elisabeth (Watkins) Ruffin had issue:

1. Robert, d. 1720, m. Eliz. _____; lived in Surry county.
2. Elisabeth.
3. William.

Robert and Elisabeth (_____) Ruffin had issue:

1. John, of Mecklenburg county, m. Patty Hamblin.
2. Joseph.
3. Benjamin, of Southampton county, m. _____.
4. Edmund, of Southampton county, b. 1713, d. 1780; m. 1st. Mrs. Edmunds, nee Simmons, of Southampton county; m. 2nd. Eliz. Cocke.
5. Mary.
6. Martha.
7. Elisabeth, m. Richard Cocke, of "Swan's Point", Surry county.

John and Patty (Hamblin) Ruffin had issue:

1. John, m. _____ Williamson, of Dinwiddie county.
2. Thomas.
3. Robert, of Dinwiddie and King William counties, b. _____; m. Mary, widow of _____ Lightfoot nee Clack.
4. William, of Surry county, b. _____; m. 1st. Jane Bland; m. 2nd. Lucy Cocke.
5. Nancy, m. John H. Cocke, of Surry county.
6. Patty, m. _____ Newsum.
7. Elisabeth, m. John Nichols, of Dinwiddie county.
8. Francis, of Mecklenburg and Surry counties, m. 1st. Hannah Cocke; m. 2nd. Susan Harris.

Robert and Mary (Lightfoot-Clack) Ruffin had issue:

1. John.
2. Theodrick Bland.
3. James, d. 1805, in King William county; m. Mrs. Mary Roane.
4. _____ dau. m. Butler Claiborne.
5. _____ dau. m. Wm. Claiborne, of Dinwiddie county.
6. William, of Virginia and North Carolina, b. 1765; m. Margaret Ritchie.
7. Sterling, of Brunswick county, b. _____; m. Alice Roane of King William county.

Sterling and Alice (Roane) Ruffin had issue:

1. Thomas, Judge of Alamance county, N.C., b. _____; m. Anne McKirkland.
2. Minerva, b. _____, m. 1st. M. E. Dillard; m. 2nd. George McNeil.
3. Mary, b. _____; m. Wm. Cain, of N.C.
4. James H., m. Susan Williams, of N.C. Issue: 1. James S., m. Rosalie Studerick, and had issue: 2. George.

WILLIAM AND MARY COLLEGE QUARTERLY.

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RUFFIN FAMILY

This family began with William¹ Ruffin, who appears in the records of Isle of Wight County at a very early period. William Jewry in his will dated June 1, 1651, left a legacy to "Robert Ruffin, son of William Ruffin". In June, 1677, Robert² Ruffin, of Surry County is mentioned as heir and administrator of William Ruffin deceased.

Robert² Ruffin (William¹) lived in Surry County, where he married, about 1675, Elizabeth, widow of Capt. George Watkins, Clerk of Surry County. His will, dated May 18, 1693, was proved July 4, 1693. It names sons Robert and William, wife Elizabeth, daughter Elizabeth, and Francis Masson and Arthur Allen, "who are to have the education of my children". The will of his wife, Elizabeth Ruffin, proved in Surry County August 18, 1714, names sons Robert and William and daughter Jane. Issue: Robert, William, Elizabeth, Jane.

Robert³ Ruffin (Robert², William¹) lived in Surry County, where he married Elizabeth _____ and died. His will, dated April 13, 1720, was proved February 15, 1720/21, and names wife Elizabeth and children John, Edmund, Joseph, Benjamin, Mary, Martha, and Elizabeth.

William⁴ Ruffin (Robert², William¹) married and had (see genealogical chart of Edmund Ruffin, Sr.): Samuel, born 1716, of Edgecombe county, N.C., and Ethelred, of Edgecombe county, N.C., married Mary Hayward, and had Samuel, Sarah, Henry J., James, Charity Anne, Margaret E.

Duplicate

ROBERT RUFFIN
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

In the name of God amen.

I Robert Ruffin of the County of Northampton & Province of North Carolina being in good health and of sound mind and memory, for preventing disputes which may arise in my family about the Estate I may leave at my death, do make this my last will and testament in manner following that is to say.

Imprimis I lend to my wife, Anne, the use of my plantations of lands I purchased of Samuel Ruffin and John Morse, containing one hundred and eighty acres more or less, during her natural life. Also the labour of my negroes York Nerer Silverpool, Luke Daniel and Rachel during her natural life. I likewise give to my said wife ten cows and calves and four four-year-old steers, ten sheep, my three best feather beds and furniture, six sows and pigs, one year's provision for herself and family, one mare and two horses, the choice of all I die possessed of, all the remainder of my household goods, I do not give away by this will, one fourth part of all my ready money, all the working tools, carts and ploughs belonging to me, all my geese, all my cyder casks, her riding saddle and bridle.

Item-I give and bequeath to my son, William Ruffin, and to his heirs and ofsigns forever all my lands in the counties of Edgecombe and Northampton in the province aforesaid, also my brandy still, one gun, my riding saddle and bridle and my wearing apparel.

Item-I give and bequeath to my grandson Robert Ruffin my negroe girl Pegg.

Item-I give and bequeath to my grandson Robert Barrow my negroe girl Iarusee.

Item-I give and bequeath to my daughter Anne Smith my negroe girl Mistilla, one feather bed and furniture, one horse or thirteen pounds six shillings and eightpence proclamation money, also six pounds thirteen shillings and fourpence like money.

Item-I give and bequeath to Olive Barrow one featherbed and furniture, also twenty pounds proclamation money.

Item-I give and bequeath the negroes whose labour I have lent my wife during her life, after her death to be equally divided between my three children, William, Anne and Olive,--my will and desire is that they divide the negroes between themselves without selling any of them to any other person.

Item-I give and bequeath to my two daughters Anne Smith and Olive Barrow all the remainder of my stock of cattle and sheep, to be equally divided between them.

2--Robert Ruffin
Northampton County

Item-I give and bequeath all the remainder of my Estate of what nature or kind soever to be equally divided between three children, William, Anne and Olive, each to have an equal share and part.

Item-My will and desire and positive order is that no part of my estate be sold appraised or inventoried; but that my wife and children divide the same among themselves in specie, according to my will, any law, custom or usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

Item-I nominate, constitute and appoint my wife, Anne and my son William Ruffin whole and sole executors of this my last will and testament revoking all former wills by me made, and declaring this only to be my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the twenty-eighth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty seven.

Signed, sealed and declared to be the last will and testament of the subscriber in presence of Henry Dawson, Mary & Cotton (her mark) & John Hull.

I know all men by these presents that whereas, I, Robert Ruffin of the Province of North Carolina and County of Northampton have made and declared my last will and testament bearing equal date with this schedule. I, the said Robert Ruffin by this present codicil, or schedule, confirm and ratify my said last will and testament excepting that demise or that part of my said will by which I gave unto my wife Anne only the one-fourth part of my ready money, inprimis and I do in the room and stead of the aforesaid one-fourth part of my ready money give and bequeath unto my loving wife Anne two hundred and fifty pounds in gold, part of the ready money I have by me.

Item-I give and bequeath unto my grandson, Robert Ruffin, fifty pounds in hard money, that is to say in gold or silver. And my will and meaning is that this codicil or schedule be and be adjudged to be part and parcel of my said last will and testament and that all things herein contained and mentioned be faithfully and truly performed, and as fully and amply in every respect as if the same were so declared and set down in my said last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 20th day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty seven.

Signed, sealed & declared to be his last codiciled or schedule of the subscriber or testator in presence of Henry Dawson, Mary & Cotton (her mark) John Hull.

Robert Ruffin.--Va. Seal

3--Robert Ruffin
Northampton County

August Court Northampton County

This will was exhibited in court and proved by the
the oath of Henry Dawson and John Hull two subscribing
witnesses; also the codicil affixed thereto at same
time. William Ruffin qualified as Exr. -- On motion
ordered to be certified and recorded.

Test: Willie Jones, C. CL.

From: North Carolina Historical Commission
Northampton County Records

Will Book A-1762--1791, Part 1, Page 35 Folio 3

Ruffin.

Judgement granted Mr. Robert Ruffin, who married the Extx. of Capt. George Watkins dead. agt. Bartholmew Owen, now refiled against Jone Owen the admtx. of sd. Barth. 1677.
Surry O. Bk. 1671-90, page 192.

Court appointed Mr. Robert Ruffin and Capt. Robert Spencer to serve as Sheriffs until the pleasure of the Governor be known.
May 7, 1678. Ibid, p. 204.

Certificate granted Mr. Robert Ruffin to next Assembly for attending the court at Green Spring upon the trial of the criminals etc. 1679. Ibid, p. 260.

Mr. Robert Ruffin petitions agt. Mr. Thomas Jordan as marrying the Extx. of Capt. Robert Spencer, for tobacco due him. 1679.
Ibid, p. 280

Mr. Robert Ruffin sworn as Justice of the Peace for the County.
7ber, 7, 1680. Ibid, p. 309.

Mr. Robert Ruffin by order of the his Excellency is sworn Sheriff of the County. May 6, 1684. Ibid, p. 438.
Ditto June 17, 1685. " 483.
Took oath as Justice, July 6, 1686. " 521.

Robert Ruffin of the County of Surry to Thomas Giles of Nansemond, my plantation, on which my dead. father William Ruffin of I. of W. lived, except 200 A. of which my dead. father made over to Katherine Thornton. No consideration named.
Signed Elizabeth Ruffin by power of attorney to Capt. Wm Oldis.
Wit. Edmond Prime and Timothy Walker.
Wit. to deed, Wm. Oldis and Edmond Prime.
Surry Bk 2, p. 99.

Deposition of Robert Ruffin proving the will of Lewis Williams..
June 16, 1679. Ibid, p. 211.

Robert Ruffin is appointed to go to the house of Jane Harris widow and there if possible to end the difference between Walter Taylor plt. and sd Jane Harris over the land in dispute.
May 3, 1681. O. Bk. 1671-90, p. 338.

Ruffin

Will of William Jewry; to Elizabeth Penny the daughter of Richard Penny; to Robert Ruffin the son of William Ruffin; to John Arram the son of John Arram. Ex., friend John Arram.

Jan. 1, 1651.

Wit. Richard Penny, William Ruffin, William Westray.

Iale of Wight Bk. A. page 26.

Robert Ruffin of Surry, heir and administrator of William Ruffin. Wife Elizabeth rel. her dower. 1677.

I. of W. Bk. Deed Bk. 1, p. 355.

William Ruffin gives his power of attorney to son Robert Ruffin. Feb. 7, 1667. I. of W. W. & D. Bk. 1, p. 107

Wit. Hugh Mathews.

William Oldis and Robert Ruffin hath four years longer grant them from date of patent to seat 2,050 A. of land in I. of W. upon the branches of the Blackwater. 1671

Journals Court and General Council, p. 270.

William Ridley; to my daughter-in-law Jane Tuke, wife unto William Tuke in Surry County, personal things which were her mothers, reversion to her four children; to Mary Prime; to Elizabeth the daughters of Edmond Prime; to the five children of Edmond Prime; to Mary Crew the daughter of John Crew; Ex., Mr. Charles Barham, Overseers, Thomas Harris and Thomas Tuke; my servant John Gray to his father Henry Gray until his time is expired; to William Tuke of Surry Co., my wife's son-in-law; to John Prime son of Edmond; to Mr. Barham's two daughters, Elizabeth and Pearl; my books to my daughter-in-law Jane Tuke.

May 1, 1671. Oct. 19, 1671.

Wit. George Bell, Robert Jones.

W. & D. Bk. 2, p. 98.

Will of John Prime; wife Martha, reversion at her death to my nephew Thomas Wright; to my nephew Robert Ruffin. Wife Extx.

Wit. Joseph Chapman, John Screws, Edward Crocker.

March 4, 1717/18. Nov. 28, 1726.

(The question arises if this Prime name really is not Price?)

I. of W. W. Bk. 3, p. 13.

Robert Ruffin returned the estate of Mr. John Goering. 1680
Bk 2, p. 254.

Will of Robert Ruffin of Lawnes Ck. Parish; to loving wife my plantation, at her death to my son Robert with reversion of bequest to my son William; to sd. sons my land in Pohantink or Bowling Green Swamp, adjoining Will Rowland and the Sunken Marsh. (sons not 21); daughter Elizabeth. Wife Elizabeth Etx.

Wit. William Newsum and Roger Rawlings. Will Chambers.

I wish my friends Francis Mason and Arthur Allen to take the oversight of both the education and bringing up of my children.

May 8, 1693.

Bk. 3, p. 310.

July 4, 1693. Wife to deliver portions to my daughters as their behavior to her may seem to deserve.

Appraisal of the estate of Mr. Robert Ruffin, by Thomas Lane, William Holt, William Chambers and Mathew Swann.
Sber 31, 1693. Bk. 3, p. 349.

Rithable list for 1692.

Robert Ruffin paid for Wm. Weston and slaves 8.

Will of Elizabeth Ruffin, widow: daughter Jane Ruffin; refers to agreement with my son Robert. Ex., daughter Jane.

Wit. William Gray Jr., Olive Chambers.

July 29, 1711.

Aug. 18, 1714.

Bk. 1709-15, p. 207.

Estate of John Newsum, returned by William Ruffin and Sarah Ruffin Etx. Feb. 16, 1725.

Examined by Joseph Allen and John Newsum.

Bk. 1715-20, page 623.

Appraisal estate of Capt. Robert Spencer by Jane the relict Appraisers, Robert Ruffin, William Newsum and John Price.

May 6, 1679.

Surry Deeds 2, p. 291.

Account returned by Thomas Jordan and wife Jane.

7ber 6, 1681.

p. 292.

John Hilliard's acknowledgement that the cattle in my possession are the cattle and estate of my wife Jane Hillier and that I have no power to sell or dispose of them etc. --- as appears by ye deed of gift from William Thomas, which deed remains in the custody of my brother Thomas Ballard. April 17, 1664.
Wit. George Jordan, Will May (5)

Surry

Bk. 1, page 240

Mrs. Mary Price requests administration on estate of her husband John Price. Security, Robert Caufield and Robert Ruffin. Appraisers, Mr. Thomas Drew, Mr. Robert Lancaster and Mr. Ansell Balyer (Bailey). May 2, 1682. O. Bk. 1, page 369.

Ordered Capt. Charles Barham and Mrs. Elizabeth Watkins, Ertx. of Capt. George Watkins decd, lay out the land left John Price by will of sd. decd. 1673. O. Bk. 1, p. 48.

Petition of Mrs. Elizabeth Watkins, widow that James Hugate orphan remain with her he is 21, under the same conditions under which he was bound to Capt. Geo. Watkins. Capt. Charles Barham her security. June 10, 1674.

James Hugate was bound to Thomas Gray in 1672, saying he was seven years old and that he had raised him from a suckling child. Orphan Accounts, p. 1 & 6.

John Price receipt to George Watkins for cows due him by bond. 1671. Wit. Anne Newsom. Bk. 1, p. 403.

March 1, 1708. Ind. bet. Robert and William Ruffin of Surry to Will Edwards,----- for divers good causes and considerations and 61¹/₂ paid by sd. Edwards to William Chambers we release all our claim or right to our sister Olive Chambers to a tract on the mill dam for 6 A. to build a mill.

Wit. William Drew, Thomas Harris. 1694-1709, p. 408.

Will of William Chambers: son John, two negroes if he releases all claim of money or tobacco due him from the estate of Richard Byton, if not the sd. negroes to my wife Olive; son William all my land with reversion to daughter Martha; land at Blackwater to daughters Mary and Olive; daughter Elizabeth. Wife Ertx. Proved by deposition of William Edwards age 39.

Robert Ruffin age 37 deposition that he wrote notes from which Wm. Edwards made above will. April 16, 1718. R. July 16, 1718. Book 1715-1730.p.

William Chambers the guardian of William Price the orphan of orphan of John Price summoned Thomas White to court to pay to sd. orphan a mare and calf belonging to sd. Price -- sd. White promised to pay etc. at age of sd. orphan etc. -- accepted with approbation of Mrs. Elizabeth Ruffin the aunt of sd. orphan 1692. O. Bk. 1691-1713, p. 99.

William Tanner the orphan of Edward Tanner acknowledges he has received the whole of his decd. father's estate from William Chambers p. 99. Jane Clarke, widow ack: B. of G. to son John Tanner.

Will of John White: to Mr. Francis Mason; to John the son of John Price a mare which was formerly the property of my sister Mary White's; to John Price one half of what he owes me the other one-half to William Newsum; to Robert Canfield a ring; rest of estate to sisters Mary White and Lucy Corker. sd. sisters Exs.

April 1, 1679.

May 7, 1679.

Wit. Francis Taylor, Phillip Shelley.

Bk. 2, p.

Estate of Thomas White, appraised by Mathew Swan, Thomas Hart and William Chambers. Oct. 1, 1694.

William Edwards as the greatest creditor to sd. White, Adm, 1694-1709, p. 167.

Robert Ruffin of Lawnes Ck. Parish: loving wife Elizabeth; son John; son Joseph; son Benjamin; son Edmund; daughters, Mary, Martha and Elizabeth. Wife Extx.

April 13, 1720.

Feb. 15, 1720.

Wit. John Newsum, James Wilson.

Bk. 1715-30, p. 296.

Capt. Cockerham, overseer of Harris' estate.

Surry Bk. 1, p. 298.

William Harris an orphan, guardian David Williams. 1669

Ibid, p. 364.

William Harris of Lawnes Creek, (only son and heir of Thomas Harris and wife Mary to Robert Ruffin for 700 pounds of tobacco, 20 A. part of a patent granted ~~ed-thomas-in-1657~~ of in 1650, granted sd. Thomas in 1657. 1603.

Wit. William Newsum, Thomas Jarrell.

Deed # 2, p. 338.

Thomas Harris 850 A. . Feb. 13, 1757. On S. S. James River, Sunken Marsh on the Rich Neck and land of Robert Webb, Mr. Edwards, Wm. Carter, Chippeaks path to the mill and Mr. Green. 300 A. granted to John Holmwood in 1650 and assigned sd. Harris and 550 A. for trans. 11 persons.

Cav. & Pioneers, p. 305.

Will of George Mansfield of Virginia, in the parts beyond the seas, Merchant, now at London. May 21, 1670. Rec. July 27, 1670. To my three sisters, Ann the wife of Francis Sumner; Mary the wife of Col. Thomas Swann and Margaret the wife of ----- Oldis; to my cousin Elizabeth Tanner, widow; to my uncle Mr. John Beale; to my nephew Francis Sumner the son of my aisd. sister Ann. Ex. Uncle John Beale, Wit. Charles Barham, David Gryer, Phillip Peirson.
Virginia Historical Magazine, vol. XI, page 311.

Will of Thomas White: wife Phillice and my children Thomas, Mary, Rebecca and Elizabeth; my will and desire is that my sister-in-law Mrs. Elizabeth Ruffin shall have the care of my daughter Rebecca and her estate; and I wish her to place my daughter Elizabeth; my friend Robert Lancaster to have the care and management of my son Thomas and daughter Mary. Ex., my wife with overseers, Mrs. Elizabeth Ruffin and Robert Lancaster. May 7, 1694. 7ber 4, 1694.
Wit. Thomas Bage, W. Edwards, John Thompson.
Surry Bk. 1694-1709, page 20.

Robert Ruffin requested probaton of will, requested by Elizabeth Ruffin. 1694. page 24.

Administration granted Elizabeth Meriwether on ye estate of Lewis Williams decd. in right of the orphans. Her security Robert Ruffin and William Edwards. 1679.
Orphans Accounts, page 12.

Will of George Watkins of Lawnes Creek Parish: to dear and well beloved wife Elizabeth; to Goddaughter Elizabeth the daughter of my friend Capt. Robert Spencer; to cousin Charles Barham the son of my uncle Capt. Charles Barham; rest of my estate between my wife and my cousin Christopher Watkins of the White Hart -- in Longe Lane, London; provision if he should have an heir if not his estate to be sold at death of wife and money sent said cousin; 300 A. out of a division surveyed for Peter Green in Lawnes Creek Parish to John Price; my clothes to William Newsam; to frien Will Sherwood. Exs., wife and uncle Charles Barham.

Sept. 17, 1673. 20th of - ber, 1673.
Wit. William Sherwood, Jennett Davis.
Surry D. # 2, page 36.

George Watkins was the clerk of the County. In 1669 he had a wife named Gertrude who joined him in a deed to Charles Lee of Charles City County.
Surry Bk. 1, p. 341.

JOHN HEREFORD PERCY
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July 19, 1940

Mrs. Lewis L. Chapman
Smithfield
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Dear Mrs. Chapman:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 15th enclosing the Ruffin papers and also the letter from Mr. W. A. Graham Clark. I have read them with a great deal of interest and made such copies as I desired and herewith return them to you.

As you know I had already a great deal of this Ruffin data, but the data you sent me I think will clench the line and I hope you will be successful in straightening out the Barrow and Dawson line at your leisure.

Did you receive the letters from Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Lee relative to the Dawsons. You have never acknowledged receipt and I am afraid they might have gone astray. I am not in a hurry for their return if you have them, but when you finish I would like to have them for my files. With best regards in which Mrs. Percy would join me if she were here, I am,

Yours sincerely,


John Hereford Percy

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